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Okay. Thanks. Thank you all so much for coming. All right. So I want to ... well actually, yeah. Let's just jump right into it. Tell me about the issues that matter the most to you. That you're really thinking about. Most important. What do you think are just big issues? What are the things that-

Health insurance.

Immigration.

Okay.

Yeah. Immigration. Schools.

Climate change.

Okay.

Schools is a good one.

Okay. So health insurance, immigration, climate change ... heard a couple of immigration. Gabbie, how about you? Big issues that you-

Health insurance.

Health insurance also. Okay.

Same. Health insurance and schooling.

Okay.

And I never like would have thought about it. But recently with this whole abortion thing, obviously I feel like that's a big issue right now too.

Okay.

Yeah. It is.

Julie, how about for you? Let me move this a little so it gives us more room. What are your big issues?

I don't have big issues. I don't-

Well, what's important to you?

Worry about stuff like that.

Any issues that are important to you right now?

Well, they're all kind of important. You know?

That's great.

I mean, you're just ... no. I mean-

What are you most paying attention to right now? Let's put it that way.

The women's rights thing is pretty shocking.

Okay.

Minimum wage.

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Okay.

And are politicians doing their damn job.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Not doing-

Not doing their job.

Yeah. Okay. Aubrey, what's big for you?

Well, same thing really. There's just like Julie was saying, there's so much going on out there right now it's kind of overload. Just like every time there's something like comes up and it's important, then something else comes up and it's more important.

Which one do you make it more-

You just compound that. It's like ... you don't even want to turn on the news.

I think these tariffs are kind of scary. It's affecting my work a lot. Because we import a lot of metal components from China and things like that.

Yeah. It's funny because a lot of things don't affect you until it affects you.

Until it affects you. Absolutely.

Yeah.

But the tariffs are going to affect everybody. Whether it's on produce, whether it's on the prices are going to be higher in the grocery store. Whether it's on gas. We import a lot of stuff.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

And we're going to be jacked one way or another. It's going to affect everybody.

Okay. Brielle, what were the things you were saying you were most focused on?

Immigration. The women's rights stuff.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Gun control.

Okay. So let me ask you this. I'm going to give you a fill in the blanks sentence. So pick a word or a phrase that for you works in this sentence. Okay? Here it is. I'm feeling blank about the way things are going in the country these days. I'm feeling ... what word or phrase would you-

Exhausted.

Exhausted.

Shocked.

Shocked.

Disappointed.

Shocked and disappointed.

Overwhelmed.

Overwhelmed.

Pissed.

Pissed. All right. What else? Other words?

Stressed.

Stressed. Okay.

Cheated maybe.

Cheated.

I think we thought we were getting something that we didn't get.

Tell me about that. What are you thinking?

Well, I think a lot of people, and I can't speak for everybody, but I think a lot of people perhaps voted for Trump and others that promised to do certain things. And that's what got their vote. And after the vote was gotten, I think things did not really turn out the way a lot of people planned.

The simple things like infrastructure. Where are all the fixed up airports that we were talking about. And you know? We're going to put all this money back into our infrastructure because our airports are-

Or because we have kindergartners doing-

They're fighting over stupid things.

Nothing can be accomplished because they both agree at the same time this side said yes. This needs to be done. This side has this side. But they get elected here. And all of a sudden, "No. We don't want to do this anymore." Nothing's getting accomplished because-

All they do is fight.

All they fight over, "Well, he said the sky is blue today. So it must be purple."

I think that's the thing with every politician. Can we name one of the last five presidents that didn't say, "Oh I'm going to do this."

I completely agree with that.

And didn't do it? I mean-

Obama swore he'd legalize marijuana and then had more marijuana arrests.

In their defense though I think sometimes they truly set out with the good intentions.

True. That's true.

And then their hands get tied. And so it's not all them like not keeping their word.

It's the opposing parties that tie their hands and say, "No." I mean, let's ... on the immigration, let's call it what it is. The democrats for years have been saying, "We need to fix our immigration law. We need to control our borders. We need to do this, this, this, and this." And now you have Trump saying, "Okay. Well let's do it." And all of a sudden they're like, "Oh no, no, no. We never said that." You go back and look at everything they've said over the years, it's like the words have come out of your mouth. Get in a room, lock them in, give them-

Well, they both want the same thing. Why can't you just agree on getting it done because somebody else ... you don't want that person to get credit?

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

I think that's a lot of it.

How about you both get credit for actually doing something.

Who would have ever thought we would be revisiting Roe versus Wade?

Yeah.

I mean, oh my God.

In this day in age, who would think that we would be revisiting whether you can call somebody colored? Or black? Or NAACP has the word colored in it. And yet one of our local representatives said it in a town hall meeting, and they wanted to lynch her.

Both parties sound so ignorant in my opinion. It's hard to side with either.

Yeah.

I used to side with one. Now I won't side with either. They both sound like idiots.

They do both-

Let me ask you this question. Is anything going well? Can you point to anything that-

The stock market. It's going really well.

Okay. Aubrey, how about you?

Employment seems like more people are back to work.

Okay.

Except for minimum wage.

That's hard to say. I know many unemployed people.

[crosstalk 00:14:06] with health insurance at \$7.35 an hour. Who can live off that? Even with 40 hours?

So even if they have jobs, they're not making enough to ...

Or they have to work two jobs to compensate.

What I don't understand is why all of a sudden ... back in my day, if you went to college and got a degree, then you deserved a certain salary. Now these people that have no education, not even high school graduates say, "Pay me \$15 an hour. I can't live on that."

I agree.

Whoa. I'm sorry, I'm putting my kid through college, five years of college, no financial aid. I qualified for nothing. Putting my kid through college so that he can earn one of these good jobs. And get paid. And these people are rallying saying, "I want \$15. Yeah. I don't have an education. And I didn't work for it. But I want it anyway."

Okay. Let me stop you for a second. Gabbie, anything good that you can point to? Anything that's going well in the country?

Not very many things. This isn't like a good thing, but I'd agree with Fran. Like at the end of my education, I'll have a degree, and I still won't be making ... I mean I'll be making a good living. But I won't be making absurd amounts of money. So I do think it's a little unfair. But I see both sides because I was very fortunate so I was able to go to school. Not everybody has that opportunity. And that's unfair to them.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

And then they can't get out of that. And then they can't let their kids get out of that. And it's a cycle. And I think that's something-

And that is another issue that should be addressed.

Yeah.

The fact that not everybody has the same access to higher education. That's a true problem.

I don't totally disagree with Fran. I mean, yeah. When you get an education you should make more too. But minimum wage should be at least living wages.

I understand that.

But in the same aspect though, if you have the school, the big corporations ... okay. Minimum wage, let's make it what it is. They want \$15 an hour. But you have your small mom and pop shops. Your small restaurants. They can't afford to do that because then they can't ... if they are providing health insurance now that's out the window. And then they can't compete with the bigger corporations that ... [inaudible 00:16:14]. Yeah. Some of these big corporations, they can afford to pay their people more. So they should. But you cannot make it just a flat, everybody should have to pay that. Because there's businesses that can't afford to do that. And it shouldn't be mandated that way.

You've got people making french fries for \$15 an hour. And then you have people that possibly went to two, three years of college but no degree making \$15 an hour. I mean, is that fair? Like she said, there's businesses close. Why go to college at all?

Okay. Let me ask you this question, and then I want to move on. But when you think about your kids or the next generation if you don't have kids, do you feel hopeful or doubtful about how things are going?

I'm scared [crosstalk 00:16:55]. My daughter's going into her senior year of high school and I know somehow I'm going to pay for her college. But I don't want to become a stripper at 36. I mean, come on.

I don't have kids. But like that-

Not and be the eater.

Let me hear from Diane please.

Sorry.

I kind of feel like I almost have to question if it's ethical to like want to bring someone into this world with the conditions. It doesn't look like it's improving.

Okay. All right. Brielle, how about you? Do you feel mostly hopeful or doubtful about the next generation?

Well, I'll just say this. I have two boys, like I said-

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

I wanted a girl so bad with my one year old. So bad. When I found out it was a boy, I was upset. Then I thought about it. And I said, you know what? Not that you can't raise a girl to be strong. And powerful. And all those things. But I know that I can raise my boys to be strong young men. And gentlemen. And you know? Be able to strive for themselves and be successful. And protect themselves and know their morals and their rights. And all those things.

I was so happy after that. That I wasn't pregnant with a girl. Because I was so scared. Raising a girl in this world is just not an option for me.

25 years ago I made a conscious choice not to have a second child because I didn't think that we could afford it. I would have been right. And I made the right decision. But I regret it everyday for not ... I would love to have two children. And go on welfare? Go on food stamps? Go on WIC? And like my neighbors unfortunately did at the time. Had a child a year. I had one kid and I struggled and I worked everyday. So I don't know. It's a tough call.

I'm scared to death for my grandkids. You know? Fortunately my daughter at the age of 13 informed me one day, "Mom I'm going into the military and you can't stop me." I'm like, "Well, okay." And I'm thinking well, she'll get over that phase. She'll just forget about that. No she did not. She joined the Navy. Her husband's in the Air Force. She's out of the Navy now. And she's a linguist so she basically writes her own checks. She speaks five languages fluently.

Oh nice.

Wow.

And my granddaughter, which is five, already speaks Spanish fluently as well. But it scares me because I see the education system in America. And she's a smart little cookie. And my daughter's basically already told me this because of what goes on in the schools. With the shootings, the drugs, whatever, that she doesn't want her to go to a public school or a private school. She wants to homeschool her. And I am not totally against that. But I'm not for it either because I want her to have the socialization skills that you develop on school and stuff like that.

Okay. I need to move on because we've got a lot to cover today. But thank you so much everybody for participating. This is a great discussion. I have some words and phrases. Some issues that are kind of in the news right now. I just want to throw them out and have you tell me whatever comes to mind. So it might be a word, a phrase, a description. Whatever it is, I want to hear from everybody.

The first one is, that we've touched on a little bit, but the economy. When you think about the economy, what do you think of?

I think we're barely getting by.

Barely getting by. Okay.

Sliding downhill-

And when you say barely getting by, are you thinking you personally? The country? What are you thinking?

I'm doing great. I don't have kids. You know? And I'm one of those planners that I have my 401K and I have a retirement plan. A goal. And this is where I want to be. And I'm just that type person. 99% of the people I know are not like that.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

It's true.

And they are struggling. All of them.

Okay. So barely getting by. Aubrey?

Same thing. Yeah. The country is ... we keep laying money out to all these different countries and giving aid and so on and so forth. And I do see that our money, our currency is not ... the dollar's hardly worth anything.

Okay. All right. Economy. Other thoughts? Brielle, what are you thinking?

I just think it's shit.

How come? What tells you that?

I just, I mean, for a long time I was not financially stable. I struggled for a long time.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Now I'm comfortable. But I'm not where I want to be.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

You know? I've been married for four years with my husband, eight years completely. I mean, I'd like to have a house right now. You know what I mean?

Yeah.

But it's just-

The American dream of owning a house is really out of a lot of people's reach these days. I'm fine too. And I have a kid. And my son has zero student loans. I'm fortunate.

That's shocking.

It is shocking.

Yeah.

And the fact that I was able to do that for him shocks me also. And I am definitely the one off because I know a lot of people who have student loans up to here that they will never, ever pay off.

Yeah. And I do people's mortgages. I look at their-

It's heartbreaking.

I look at them and I'm like you're never going to be out of debt.

Nope.

Never.

Because they have such high interest rates and they have adjustable rates.

All right. Let me throw out another thing to you and just get a reaction. Wages keeping up with costs.

No.

Oh give me a break.

No way.

Give me a break.

That goes back to the way that they pay and-

Yeah. I think whether you agree with if minimum wage should be raised or not, everybody could agree that we're not keeping up.

Absolutely.

Yeah. [crosstalk 00:22:47] it's just not there. Like it's not equal. And hasn't been increasing at the same rate.

Exactly.

How about the top one percent? Top one percent, what do you think of?

They should share.

Like Bill Gates.

Trickle down. Yeah.

Delusional.

You're making enough money already. How much is enough?

They could support a small country. Yeah. They could

They make more in one day than they could ever spend in their entire life.

True.

And that's what's sad to me. It's like sickening almost.

Yeah. But there's CEO's out there making God amounts of money-

Well look at these athletes though.

Yeah. That's true too.

Actors though.

And the actors.

Actors. Billions of dollars for showing their face on TV.

They don't even know what to do with it. The Kardashians, for the love of God. I don't even know what they do for a living. [crosstalk 00:23:33]. They do nothing.

If they just paid their taxes, if they weren't the ones getting all the tax breaks, the government wouldn't need all of the little people's money.

Money. Yeah.

You need all the little people to pay their little nickels and dimes because you're giving the tax breaks to the people who actually have the money. It really doesn't make a lot of sense.

How about this one? Healthcare costs?

Oh my Lord.

It's very expensive.

Very expensive.

I'm fine but I, everybody I know isn't. It's sad.

I mean, as a cab driver, I have health insurance through my company. It's shit insurance. I went to the doctor out here three months ago. My husband complained to my doctor that my snoring is getting worse. I told him to get earplugs. Doctor goes, "Oh no. We can fix that. We'll send her for a sleep study." And I'm like, "Okay so I'm going to go have somebody tell me I snore." So they call to set me up. They're like, "Okay. Your copay for your sleep study is \$650." I laughed at them and I says, "You want to know what \$650 is? That's my house payment and my car payment. I don't need ... I know I snore. Thank you. Bye bye." \$650 for somebody to tell me I snore.

There's something about it is some people really need that healthcare. You know? In a situation like that it could have been a life or death situation. You know? She didn't feel it was. But what if it was? And since I'm going to school for a health profession we learn a lot about other country's healthcare systems too. And each healthcare system does have it's flaws. But it's just absurd how much worse ours is and how nobody does anything to change it.

My best friend is 36 years old, um, breast cancer patient. Just had her double mastectomy less than a week ago. Since November when we found out, I mean I've taken her to over half of her chemo's. Right there every step of the way. And she makes about \$45000 a year. Since November, we've come out of pocket with copays, deductibles ... over \$8000. We haven't even hit 2019's deductible. We did a GoFundMe. We did all that shit. But it was literally more expensive for her to live and save her life than it would have been to die.

I worked for a doctor's office for years and these elderly patients that have to split their pills in half. And have to choose between food and filling their prescriptions is heartbreaking.

Yeah. It was heartbreaking watching her go through this, go bald, lose everything. Not miss one full day of work-

And these pharmaceutical companies-

Yeah. It breaks my heart.

It's ridiculous.

Well, I just got over bronchitis and I went to get their inhaler. And they go, "Okay. It's going to be \$120." For a little inhaler.

Look at the epi-pens.

No. I called my sister that lives in San Diego, I said, "Okay witch." I says, "You need to go to Tijuana. This is what I need." She sent me 10 of them. Cost me \$7 for the exact same thing.

Wow. Yeah. I get my ibuprofen's from Mexico.

So when you think of pharmaceutical companies, what comes to mind?

Greed.

Opioid crisis.

Greed.

Greed.

I lost my dad to the opioid crisis so I mean if that's a subject, shit I can definitely say a lot on that.

Oh say that again.

I lost my dad to the opioid crisis in 2016.

Oh I'm sorry.

So definitely that's a huge thing when it comes to the pharmaceuticals. I'm so glad that I can't remember the CEO's name, but he just recently lost like a huge lawsuit. Had to come out of pocket like millions of dollars because at first they didn't announce that opioids were addictive. And now all of a sudden, oh guess what?

Yeah.

Yeah. But that doctor's still alive though and your dad isn't. That's very unfortunate.

Yeah.

Well, look at the epi-pens. I mean-

Epi-pens are ridiculous.

They save lives and that's ...

Certain things should be free.

And I'm not socialist by any means.

No.

But chemo, how is chemo not free?

How is dialysis not free?

Same thing. How is dialysis not free?

And none of these affect me directly either.

[crosstalk 00:27:20].

Say one thing and then we'll move on. Go ahead.

Okay. But they just had something about that. About the asthma medication is supposed to be free in Nevada now. I just remember that. I seen that on the news.

It wasn't asthma. It was bronchitis. So it doesn't fall under that category.

Oh okay.

Asthma's life or death. Bronchitis isn't. I'm assuming.

But bronchitis can be.

Let me keep going. This is great though. Thank you so much. This is great discussion. Unions is my next thing. Unions. What do you think about unions? When you come to mind-

I'm not educated enough on them to speak to it.

Okay. Then how about you?

Can I say the same thing?

Okay. All right. Go ahead Chloe.

They're a freaking joke in Nevada.

Okay. How come?

Okay. I drive a cab. It's a car. Would you explain to me why the steel workers are the union representing the transportation in Las Vegas? Steel workers are representing cab drivers. And they do nothing for us.

Okay. Brielle, what's your thought about unions?

I don't really know too much about them.

Okay.

I think it is too because that, like minimum wage in Nevada is \$8.25. But if you're part of the union, because they cover your health insurance, they drop a dollar. So it goes down to \$7.25.

Man I didn't know that.

But the unions have a very important part in our history.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Yes.

You know?

I mean-

We all know just from being in school what they did to save people's lives.

I mean, the culinary union-

Like anymore-

The culinary union in Las Vegas is ... I have a lot of friends that are in that union. It's an amazing union. They fight for their employees, they help with their health coverage and everything else. But if you don't have a really strong united, a bunch of people in one union, little unions, the unions don't do anything for you.

Here you're well protected by the same laws. You know? There are laws in place to do the same things that the unions do.

Okay.

That we didn't used to have.

I'm going to move on now. This is one you guys brought up early on. But I want to hear a little bit more. Immigration. What do you think of immigration? Tell me what your thoughts-

Well, no. Here's the thing. My husband is a dreamer.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

It's just, I mean, I do understand that there is rapists and criminals, and drug traffickers. I get all that. But the fact that he thinks that every single person from Mexico is a criminal blows my mind. I don't know if this is true. But my father in law did tell me that they are trying to pass a law that every dreamer is going to get citizenship.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Hopefully that's true. I don't know if it is.

Okay.

It was voted in the house. But it has to go to the senate. And the senate's republican so they're probably not going to pass it through.

Well you know what people don't think about. Our country, with the statue of liberty, opened our arms and bring everybody in. We can't take care of our own. But bring everybody in, whether you bringing something to the table or not. And yet what if I wanted to become a citizen of China? Or Spain? Or Brazil? Or any country that you can name. Could I just go over there, show up on their door, and say, "Here I am?"

And get free housing, free medical, free food ... they would laugh at me. And turn me away. And no one would have a problem with it. But here, if we turn anybody away, "Why are you doing that? These people are seeking refuge."

Okay. Let me get some other thoughts on immigration. Diane, where are you? What do you think of when you-

Where are you?

Where are you at?

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What's your ... What do you think of when you [crosstalk 00:31:02]

Where are you?

Where are you? I stand somewhere between. I agree with Lory in that you can't just walk into any other country and just say, "I want to live here. Let me live here." I do think there needs to be regulations. At the same time, I do agree that people come here for opportunity and you can't disregard that either.

Okay. [inaudible 00:31:22]

Can the 'dreamers' go in their own category?

But what about, okay there are people that are here that have been working though. That have children here and they want to deport Moms and Dads from their children.

But they've been here working. Why haven't they went through the process to become legal?

That's what I was going to say. What about the people that go though the process legally and become a citizen? As opposed to you jumping a wall and you want to be a citizen too. These people have worked years to get to that. [crosstalk 00:31:47]

Process.

Half of the people, a lot of people can find jobs without coming here legally. My husband came here legally. He came here when he was six with a visa and he came here legally. Everything was legal, but you know he's not a citizen yet.

Now that we're married, we're able to go through with that. Hopefully like you said, they're probably not going to pass the bill. But hopefully they will so it'll, cost us less money.

Okay. I need to move on, but thank you.

Okay.

Go ahead. [crosstalk 00:32:20]

I just want to say I'm second generation. My mother came to this country in '52 when she was six years old on the banana boat, okay. Straight from Sicily here and she did the right thing. She came to this country, applied, paid their taxes, they learned the language. And they fit in too and did and did what you're supposed to do.

My grandparents came through Ellis Island too.

The Chinese did it. The Polish did it.

Yes, we all-

The Italians [crosstalk 00:32:46] The only people that didn't come over here are the Native Americans.

Yes.

And I don't have any problem with [crosstalk 00:32:54]

My grandparents did it correctly, also.

All right, my next one, climate change. Climate change.

It's real.

It's scary. [crosstalk 00:33:01] It's really scary.

It's definitely real.

Yes.

I think even if you're the biggest Trump fan on the planet [crosstalk 00:33:05]
You cannot disagree with the fact that [crosstalk 00:33:08]

Fake news, yes come on now. [crosstalk 00:33:09]

If you want to call it climate change or the world just going through.

Even if you don't believe it's not global warming, all that, it's climate change.
Things are changing.

Are happening. [crosstalk 00:33:21]

Just look around. [crosstalk 00:33:23]

Look at the tornadoes that they just had.

There's really nothing we can do about that, that is nature. That is that's God's way.

Well supposed the government can.

I mean I know [crosstalk 00:33:32]

We can make it worse though.

What we control.

We can make it better.

In a few words, we did-

Make it worse, yes.

We're so [crosstalk 00:33:39]

Chloe you want to comment on climate change and then I'm going to move on.

I definitely believe climate change is real. And I agree, there's different things that are affecting it. But I think a lot of people are focusing on the United States as, okay well we're the ones that's causing it. You know, well other countries are [crosstalk 00:33:58]

I agree, it's not [crosstalk 00:33:58]

Well you say well you guys are doing this and this and this. But then you look over in China, you go open up the curtains-

You can't even walk around.

You can't look out the window through the smog and stuff like that.

Look at their water. Look at the oceans around some of those places. That's not all our trash.

No.

It's true.

It's what, the eighth of June.

It's still leaking as we speak.

As we speak.

Into the water. [crosstalk 00:34:21]

Last June I was talking to my, other sister and they were and says, "So how's your weather today?" She called me a bitch. And I was like, "What the hell did I do?" She says, "It's snowing." In Denver, it was snowing yesterday in Denver.

And she says, "Climate change is here." And I'm like, "It's happening, but-

All right, next one. Affordable Care Act or Obama Care? Affordable Care Act

Was a joke.

A joke Aubrey, how come?

Useless.

I had so much trouble with that. Because I make too much money, my son is on Medicare, Medicaid through the state. I pay \$80 a quarter and I was lucky to squeak in, they had some special enrollment period. And thank God I got in on that and it's a hundred dollars more a year than it was last year.

Okay. [crosstalk 00:35:13]

It's the only reason I do have health insurance, thank God.

Okay, at least you have health insurance. Someone said useless I think I heard.

Yes, I mean I voted for Obama. Definitely I'm in-between, I voted for Obama and Trump, so I'll put it right out there. And-

We're in the same boat.

Yes, and all this like you said, the promises that were made Obamacare and then what actually happened. Was I able to see the doctor? No, but I can tell you why my credit's fucked up. Because of all the debt I have from the time I had to go.

And I again couldn't qualify for Medicaid. Now, I got my daughter under Medicaid because I had to lie about my income to do it. Yes, sure I got her. I don't even want it. I don't even care, but hey my kid, she's 17, a few things I wanted to make sure [crosstalk 00:35:51] she's good before I send her off to college. And so yes I had to lie to get insurance.

Yes, I mean useless.

Okay.

Yes. Me and my husband, we would make too much together as a married couple. But if we did it separately, we could do it. But it still would cost more than what our employee [crosstalk 00:36:07]

You're probably are legal because you're doing it separately.

Actually no it wasn't, and I'm like, "Wait a minute, so it's going to cost me more than what I'm paying now for the crappy insurance I have now? Why would I-

Okay.

I went on the website where you could do apples to apples next to each other to see the different ones.

You actually went and get on the website?

Yes, [crosstalk 00:36:31] my son's covered through my insurance for [inaudible 00:36:33] work. But I wanted to see what options were going to be available. The only plans I could even find for him were catastrophic plans.

After \$6,000, after \$6,000 [crosstalk 00:36:46] bigger fish to fry than whether or not he has strep throat or not. [crosstalk 00:36:49]

Okay, Gabbie, Obama Care or Affordable Care Act, any thoughts?

I think the intentions were there with it trying to make healthcare better.

I think so too.

I think the issue with United States Healthcare is that it's been a certain way for so long that to just make a change, nobody's going to be happy with it no matter what the change is. Because people aren't used to that.

It's true, yes. A couple of you mentioned Medicaid. Give me thoughts on Medicaid.

I always made a dollar more a month to ever qualify for any WIC, food stamps. And there were many days when my son was young, that I stood at the grocery store and had to decide on diapers or formula. And yet the people in front of me paid with food stamps for all their stuff, and then pulled cash out for their beer and cigarettes.

Yes, that's the thing.

And I'm like, "Are you freaking kidding me? It's never, it's not fair."

Thoughts on Medicaid please.

I never had it.

My daughter is like I said, on Medicaid because last year of her being with me I wanted to make sure that ... And it's awesome. It's appreciated, I don't have to pay for anything. But it goes back to-

The paperwork[crosstalk 00:37:54]

Not only that, if my daughter right now were to for some reason get cancer, everything would be covered and that's awesome. But my 36 year old best friend had to come out of pocket \$10,000.

Yes, it's [crosstalk 00:38:02]

And that's what it is, so it's like sure that's great, but I lied to get Medicaid.

Hey.

You know what I mean? And I'm not the only person. [crosstalk 00:38:07]

How do you describe that then? I mean that you know? What do you-

It's just such a jacked up backwards catch 22 system.

Okay.

You know, why would one person get it and this person can't. If you want obviously you can lie to get it. And you know I mean-

Okay. [crosstalk 00:38:24]

It's awesome for children, but soon as you turn 18 years old-

And that's why I did it for her for the last couple years.

Yes, if you're not with child or something, that's just like our whole welfare system and they make you want to go out and get pregnant young. Because that's the only way they're going to help you. Because otherwise it's like crap.

Medicaid should also be based on like your friend. As soon as that diagnosis came across-

Necessity.

Instantaneously.

Yes, why'd she have to pay for that chemo? It's crazy.

I mean in Colorado, I don't know if she's ... I'm speaking of Nevada, but my sister's nephew, he is 22. And they just found a massive mass in his lungs. Within a week of him finding it, in Colorado he got Medicaid through Colorado within a week.

They need to make it, it doesn't matter what state you're living in. If you're diagnosed with any type of terminal, that can result in terminal, Medicaid should kick in. The government should kick in and do their [crosstalk 00:39:24]

Money should not dictate whether or not you live.

I need to keep moving. The tax cuts that passed last year. Thoughts on that, the tax cuts that passed last year. [crosstalk 00:39:30]

They didn't help me at all.

We forgot to raise our withholdings.

Yes. My refund was non-existent this year.

Yes, because-

And I couldn't claim my son anymore for some unknown reason.

How did it affect you? Tax cuts that passed last year, any thoughts on that?

I don't do my own taxes and I just hand my W2's over and I just get what I get. I don't know. I don't know it affected me at all.

Good thing, bad thing, I mean any sense of-

Mine were about the same.

They were about the same. [crosstalk 00:39:57]

Mine were the same.

I don't know, I'm guessing maybe this is why it's holding up taxes. My mom's been waiting about [crosstalk 00:40:05] Yes, my mom's been waiting like two months. And they sent her a letter four weeks ago and she still hasn't heard nothing. And the letter said, "Do not contact us, we will contact you."

Oh my god.

It did, they were closed for last year a little while longer [crosstalk 00:40:19]

My taxes raised because I have another kid.

Okay.

And then also they raised the child tax credit, so mean that helped.

Okay.

The IRS lost my son's amended return twice. Even though I sent it certified. They processed it and don't know where it is.

Let me move on. Big big corporations, big corporations. What do you think of when you hear big corporations?

Greed.

Yes, same, that's the word that came to my head was greed.

Okay.

Yes.

I'm not saying there's not good companies out there, I just came home from Fayetteville, Arkansas, which is a town over from where Walmart's created. And went to go to Walmart Museum and like what Sam Walton initially wanted, he seemed like a good dude. I think he'd be sad about what Walmart is.

What actually happened.

Yes, so you know.

Turned out to be [crosstalk 00:41:00]

Greed taken over or companies wants good. But even Tony Shay, I've had dinner in Tony Shay's apartment. That's the owner of Zappos and same, greed. It might seem like an awesome company, but let me tell you how greed has taken over even those companies.

Okay. How about out sourcing? [crosstalk 00:41:15] When you think of outsourcing what do you think of?

Sweatshops. Call centers.

It just makes my stomach turn.

Okay.

And call centers.

You don't have enough people in the planet.

This country?

Yes. Granted you know Americans want more money you know, but there's plenty of us here who can answer to [crosstalk 00:41:34]

I saw a good commercial actually in the Newspaper the other day, it had a farm that says, "Without immigrants who's going to pick your crops?" There's enough people in prison sitting on their butt watching TV. [crosstalk 00:41:51]

Or on welfare.

Yes.

They can go out and earn it before unemployment.

They could go out, unemployment you know. If they're sitting on their butts and we're paying them money.

There's somebody out there that will do it.

You know I talked to a guy the other day and I said, "Have you found a job yet?" He says, "No, I'm still looking." He says, "But I'm getting unemployment checks, so I'll wait until that runs out."

Look at my ass.

Wait a minute, what? Is that an option?

Yes, which unemployment is even more than minimum wage when you're working you know?

Minimum wage is based on how much you were making at your job, that's how they base your unemployment on.

Yes. [crosstalk 00:42:24]

All right, let me keep going. I just have a couple more on my list here. Retirement, retirement.

Five years.

Scary.

401K.

Is becoming a thing in the past. People are not contributing because they have more pressing matters. But it's a very sad-

Very scary.

Okay.

It's hard to say these days, hard to say-

I'm just afraid that we'll have another crash. And it's like it's finally growing again, but in '07 I lost everything. [crosstalk 00:42:49]

Okay.

You know I was like I've been rebuilding for over 10 years. And I just-

Now that I'm getting old though, at least it's less risky.

Yes.

That's the one thing I have in mind.

Yes, yes you were shaking your head when I said retirement. What were you thinking?

No because you know I'm 20 and you think about those things. You want to prioritize those things, but I have medical bills and things like that.

Start now.

It's like I can never win, you know. [crosstalk 00:43:13]

Twenty dollars a month, start now.

I'm 22.

One percent of your pay.

Yes I'm 22, I have two kids. I don't have life insurance. I don't have anything like that right now. And because I struggled before, it's definitely something that I have looked into. And talked to my husband about and told him we need to do this.

But right now we're just comfortable. Once we're finally into it, I need to educate myself more on it too. Because I really don't know much about it.

Because people say, "I need every dollar I make, I can't contribute to a 401K." What they don't realize is it's before taxes and you're so much better of contributing. [crosstalk 00:43:48]

More money.

It's your money.

Even if it's only \$10, sweetheart even if it's only \$10 a month. I don't care if you put it in a tin can, a cookie jar, just start putting [crosstalk 00:44:00]

A lot of employers match it though. [crosstalk 00:44:03]

Gabbie any thoughts on retirement? And then I'm going to move on.

I think that a lot of people aren't educated well enough on it. And myself included, I don't understand why in school we're never taught these things.

Oh my gosh, yes.

You know because a lot of adults will probably [crosstalk 00:44:17]

Life lessons.

A dollar a day, [crosstalk 00:44:19] but if you don't know how important it is to save, if you don't realize, you're not going to save [crosstalk 00:44:24] you can.

Even if you file bankruptcy later in your life, your 401K's protected.

Yes.

All right, a couple more here. Tariffs, I know we mentioned. Laurie I heard from you. Anybody else have thoughts on tariffs? Those on tariffs.

I don't even know what that is.

Okay. Thank you for saying that because that's really important for me to hear. Heather any thoughts on tariffs?

I'm with her.

Okay.

A tariff is a tax. Perfect example, no we're going to put tariff on Mexico. We're not going to have any avocados, they're going to be too expensive. What it is is when they bring something into the country, they have to give us money to bring the product in. And we have to give them money to bring our product.

Import tax.

Mexico is not paying the tax, you are.

But I was just explaining.

I know-

It affects everybody.

That's what people aren't hearing on TV. It's like I don't think Trump even understands how it works. Because [crosstalk 00:45:14] see it and it's like you know.

I don't think he understands.

They're not being taxed, they're just going to pas that on to us. Your cheap stuff from China is no longer going to be cheap.

It affects everybody.

And I get what he's thinking.

It does.

He's thinking that means if you were going to buy a \$10 item from China because that item made by Americans is 15, well if we bring the China product up to 15 also, you might actually buy American. It is good in theory.

In theory.

But Americans don't want to pay \$15. And so it's like all that, we're spoiled.

Okay.

We're spoiled with all the cheap stuff.

It's true.

What about trade agreements with other countries? Trade agreements with other countries, what do you feel about those?

I feel like Trump is just screwing up any relationships with any countries. I really do.

Is that a problem? I mean is it-

It's embarrassing.

Like it's embarrassing.

Right, yes.

It's not that it's a problem, but a lot of stuff is made in China. You know what I mean? It's just I feel like he's ruining all the relationships. And whoever is elected next, whether, if it's not Trump, is going to have to clean up all that mess. [crosstalk 00:46:33]

Part of the problem is the people before Trump created this mess. This has been, this is going back.

No one has made enemies I think the way he has. [crosstalk 00:46:44] When he met with the queen last week, I held my breath. I'm like, "Oh my god, don't talk to the Queen." Don't make eye contact with the lady, oh my god.

I didn't even watch.

It was horrifying.

He may be saying something offensive?

Yes.

Very important and it feels like he's burning every bridge.

Every bridge.

Okay, does that worry you?

Yes, we might need them.

Okay.

We might need somebody.

I do travel a lot. I go to Europe quite often and as soon as they find out I'm American, that's right where they go.

Yes.

"Oh you poor thing." [crosstalk 00:47:20]

I want to ask you a couple questions just real quick about the economy. And then I'm going to move on. When you think about this economy that we're in now, who are the winners? Who's really doing well right now?

The rich people, the 1%.

The 1%.

Yes.

Okay.

The little one percenters up there.

Okay. And how about the people that are, I mean I hate to use the word losers, but who's losing out? Who's not doing so well?

The middle class.

Middle class.

The middle class is going to become extinct is what's going to happen.

Yes.

It's going to be the rich and the poor.

It's going to eliminate, it's either you're going to have money or you're going to be broke.

Right.

Yes.

And I feel like I would be in the category of middle class right now.

Okay.

You know what I mean?

Okay. Diane.

It's like the gap is just growing bigger and bigger and it's just really discouraging.

Okay.

The young people, it takes all their hope away.

It does, but they don't even have a chance. Why even work towards something? Because there's not going to be any, there's no cheese at the end of this maze. [crosstalk 00:48:16] There's none left.

It's actually more benefit to do less.

Okay, next.

I mean honestly for me it makes me feel like I need to work harder. That I need to have a plan.

Not everybody feels that way.

I need to [crosstalk 00:48:24]

Yes I wish they did too. [crosstalk 00:48:29]

And I have two boys. [crosstalk 00:48:31]

You're going to work harder for nothing. And that's [crosstalk 00:48:34] because I feel that I have been working hard. I have eight children. I struggle and I'm not on welfare, I mean food stamps. But with like [inaudible 00:48:43]stuff like that, I'm not collecting from the state with cash and stuff like that.

But I struggle and I work too though. But I'm a single parent too. I mean-

Grinding's your only option.

Yes. And you know it's like-

It's getting better and better.

You know and I get mad because I'm a Courtesy Clerk at Albert Tents. And they do more work there than anybody in the store, excluding the managers of course. But Cashiers, they get paid anywhere from 11 to \$18 an hour to stand there and ring things up.

But they're union right?

Yes, but Courtesy Clerks are union too. But we run around that store like chickens with heads cut off. And we get paid 7.35 an hour.

Try to make a relationship with the manager at Starbucks at Albertsons maybe.

Or In-N-Out Burger. They get paid really well.

My daughter works at the In-N-Out Burger [crosstalk 00:49:34]

In-N-Out Burger, that's a great pay.

Yes, she's 17 years old. She [crosstalk 00:49:37]

And they earn their money there. They have the best customer service ever.

I need to move on. Thank you again for being so great. I'm going to hand out some papers to you. I want to explain first what we're going to do. Each of you is going to get a packet like this. There should be pens on the table. Everyone have one? Just grab and if you don't, I have [crosstalk 00:49:53]

Once you get this I want you to put your first name, last initial up here on the upper right hand corner. Okay first name, last initial, don't need your full name. I am going to have you write some words and phrases in here. You do not have to write full sentences okay, this is brain dump. You know bullet points, words and phrases, just whatever comes to mind.

In the first set we're going to be talking about President Donald Trump. First set it's good things about Donald Trump. Second set of lines is the biggest doubts or concerns about Donald Trump. Again, not full sentences, just words or phrases.

Take on and pass it. Put your name on it first. Take your time. And the main thing I wanted to say is don't flip ahead. We're just going to do that first page, don't go ahead. But don't go past that.

[inaudible 00:50:34]

I thought you was going to say no profanity.

Profanity is just fine, you can do profanity if you want. Okay, so good things.

That's how you really feel Chloe.

Any good things about Donald Trump in that first section and then any doubts or concerns about Donald Trump in the second section. Words or phrases, go.

Can I leave good things blank? That's what I'm leaving.

I was going to say they have too many lines up there.

You know if you can't think of anything, that's fine. You can do that but just do your best and try to put something down if anything comes to mind.

Just the first page right?

All right, keep writing if you need more time. Write as much as you want as it comes to mind. For those of you who are done, let's start with good things. Good things about Donald Trump, what'd you come up with? Aubrey.

Only good thing I came up with is he's not a Politician. He's you know, doesn't have political background.

Okay. Anything else?

That's about the only thing. [crosstalk 00:52:54]

She struggled to come up with that. [crosstalk 00:52:54]

Yes.

No good things?

I put money, power and a hot wife.

With no personality.

Yes.

She looks so hot.

I also put power under negative though, just to point that out.

Okay, all right. Diane.

I think he's a good Salesman.

Good Salesman.

That's a good one.

Okay. [crosstalk 00:53:17]

I did put he's a family man.

Okay.

Not really.

Really?

Not really. [crosstalk 00:53:21]

Have you seen the way he talks to his daughter? It's absurd.

No his son. Do you think he has a relationship at all with that young one? He probably couldn't pick him out of a lineup if he had to.

Well the views of how it seems, so I guess I just believe.

From what you see.

Yes. [crosstalk 00:53:39]

For you what tells you that he's a good family man? What?

Just that he always had his kids with him.

Okay.

You know when he's doing his campaigning and he includes them.

Okay.

Because they do his bidding.

Chloe good things about Donald Trump?

Low unemployment.

Okay. Heather you didn't put anything. [inaudible 00:54:00] how about you? Any good things?

He is fearless.

Fearless.

That's a good one. [crosstalk 00:54:04]

And he has confidence for days.

For days.

I mean-

I like to call that cockiness some.

Yes. [crosstalk 00:54:12] That's good and bad, but-

True true.

I think that he could do anything that he wanted to do.

Said he might do.

Yes.

Okay.

I think he could get it done.

Yes, but he's stubborn though. When he digs his heels in though, even if he knows he's wrong, he doubles down on lies.

That's because he's a male.

Wow. [crosstalk 00:54:32]

He doubles his head on the line instead of just saying I got it wrong.

Okay.

Yes, that's so true.

All right, any good things I haven't heard? All right, let's go to the negative because we started to anyway. What's-

Take away his freaking phone. [crosstalk 00:54:47]

What's the problem with the tweets?

I'm so embarrassed.

It's too much.

For him.

I'm embarrassed for us.

I wasn't around that time when like old school, the fire side chats. What's wrong with once a week going on a news channel and going on and telling the American people what's going on? This is what I want to do.

[crosstalk 00:55:07] The President of the United States, he should not be posting every little thing.

Not tweeting like a little child.

At 3:00 in the morning the thought that comes into his mind.

Yes.

No filter. The guy has no filter.

Okay. [crosstalk 00:55:16]

And the nonsense that he posts.

It is!

It's just like when [crosstalk 00:55:22] drunk texting.

Drunk texting.

You should really give it some thought you know.

Before you put it out there.

You know when you're a professional and you write a really scathing nasty email to somebody that you're angry with and then you delete it.

Delete it, but you can't take that shit back. I know you're right.

Don't put it out there into the world, it's childish.

It is.

Okay, okay. What else?

It's pitiful.

Any other doubts [crosstalk 00:55:44]

If he wanted to stick with the positive things, that's wonderful. But your negative stuff, really it's time to go for you.

Diane any negatives?

I think there might be some ill intent there. Like that's like I can't ... I like to assume that everyone in a position like that has nothing but the best intent. But I can't bring myself to fully believe that.

Okay. What do you think his intent is?

I think it goes back to greed and [crosstalk 00:56:14]

Power, just power.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Yes, power, control.

Whether he's right or wrong, he just wants to be in control.

Okay, Gabbie, doubts or concerns about Donald Trump?

I said that he gives false promises and hasn't actually fixed anything. I think he's really good at making people believe this or that. He's good at making people believe water he wants. [crosstalk 00:56:32]

He has fixed things though. He has brought more jobs back to the United States from other places. I mean there is things that he has done.

The stock market's up, the housing prices are up, yes those are positive things. Are they directly linked to him though?

That's what I was going to ask you. Does he get credit for that?

I don't know.

What did he do to make that happen?

That's the problem I have.

Okay.

Yes, my house value went up and I'm grateful for that. My stocks, my 401K, everything's good and I'm grateful. But can I really say thank you to Donald Trump? [crosstalk 00:57:02] I don't know that I can do that. Yes, exactly that's true. That's absolutely true.

I don't know that I could thank him for that. And he needs to address, or someone needs to address the student loans.

Okay.

Absolutely.

Let's just be like, let's just wipe them all out.

I don't want to wave them all out to give people-

That's not realistic, you know. [crosstalk 00:57:25]

I know, let's wipe it all out. Let's give everybody college free everything. [crosstalk 00:57:27]

I don't expect my son to go to college for free, but make it doable.

Yes.

My son should not be in debt for the rest of his life paying interest in penalties and compounded back for 40 years.

Okay.

People were still paying and you can't bankrupt them away. You can't die and they go away. If your parents co-signed and you die, your parents are still responsible for your student loans and you don't even have a degree. Who knew that?

That's very true. [crosstalk 00:57:57]

Just getting back to Donald Trump for a second, regardless of how you feel about him, what's his greatest accomplishment so far?

Pissing off the Democrats.

Okay. Anything else that you would credit him with in terms of accomplishments so far?

His accomplishments?

Yes.

Becoming President.

Okay, but as President, let's say in his time as President, what would you say is his biggest accomplishment?

I'm going to say the unemployment you know. Whether he gets credit for it or not.

Okay.

Let's face it, it's at the lowest rate for any demographic. I doesn't matter White, Black, Purple, Yellow, Pink, it's at its lowest rate.

Okay.

You know, [crosstalk 00:58:35]

Unemployment, anybody else? Reactions to [crosstalk 00:58:39]

I think right now if you're not working, you don't want to work. You can do something.

He's given a lot of credit a lot of different sports teams and stuff like that. Which I think is good because a lot of sports teams give back to the community. I feel like when a President is recognizing them, that's a big deal. I know it's a really small issue but it's one small thing that I like that he's done.

Okay.

Come on, he gave college football players hamburgers. I mean come on, that's [crosstalk 00:58:59] feeding them what they want.

I actually put [crosstalk 00:59:02] food under this.

How embarrassing though when you invite winners of sports teams to the White House and they say, "No thank you, I'd rather not."

That happens too for sure.

I'd rather not be there, thanks though.

One of the things that I wrote on my doubts and thoughts were he's a racist and a sexist.

Sexist, I put lack of respect for women as well. Including his [crosstalk 00:59:26] definitely is not a feminist.

I wouldn't necessarily say a racist though. I wouldn't necessarily say that he's a racist.

You would not say that?

Mm-mm (negative).

A sexist? [crosstalk 00:59:33]

He's a 70 year old [crosstalk 00:59:35]

I said a racist.

Yes, tell me a 70 year old White man that isn't racist?

Well yes, I mean that's how they grew up.

My grandfather, yes I mean he's in heaven now. But my sister, she played basketball and she would bring her basketball team players home and he'd be like, "What are those jigaboos doing sitting on my couch?"

My father certainly had that streak in him also.

Yes.

And I mean we were raised with that.

It's not uncommon in that age group.

I went to a school that had a White boy and a White girl. When I graduated there was one Black girl and one White girl. One Black boy, one White or one Black girl, one Black boy. We weren't around race a lot, so hearing from my father you thought that was really the way it was kind of a thing.

And I made a conscious effort as my son was young, being around my father. I'm like, "Dad you can't talk around him like that. You can't 'cause he's gonna think that's true like we did growing up. It's not true, you can't talk around like you know." And that's just the mindset of that generation I think and it's very unfortunate.

Yes.

Regardless of how you feel about him, what's his greatest disappointment? Or what's your greatest disappointment about him?

He's a liar.

Yes.

He's a liar. In what way Heather? What makes you say that?

Because things that he says that he was going to do.

Like give me an example?

Just like when he says that he wanted to build the wall. Even though I don't feel that building the wall should actually occur, but he wants Mexico to pay for it.

Yes but he said that from the get go. And everybody's like, "Yeah, okay let's get Mexico to pay for it." [crosstalk 01:01:24] Okay, they're not going to pay for it. They can't even pay for you know, food for their citizens. They're gonna pay for a wall to keep their citizens in?

Right? [crosstalk 01:01:34] And they're trying to get out.

And Aubrey what would you say is the biggest disappointment about him?

He's got his hands like too many different places right now. He's worrying about too many different things. And of course the Democrats aren't allowing him to

get anything done. It's just it's like we were saying earlier, everything's just a mess right now.

He does seem to have his hand in everything.

Everything. Anything you hear on the news is something with Trump behind it, you know?

Okay.

I just-

When he was-

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-there is just something with Trump behind it, you know?

When he was running, he said he wanted to be a voice for forgotten Americans. What do you think, how is he doing on that?

I feel like how could he say that at all when this women's rights issue is going on? How could he ever be a voice for the forgotten Americans when there is forgotten women all over United States without a voice right now? In certain states and they're making it a felony to cross state lines to get something like an abortion and whether you're pro-choice or pro-life I could care less, but you're just going way too far.

What? [crosstalk 01:02:32]

Oh, yeah, it's a felony-

I have not heard that.

Both Ohio, Alabama, and another state has made it, or are attempting to-

Alabama.

How do you know what they were crossing the state line to do?

Well, that's the thing is the doctor in the other state, if they perform the woman's right things-

The doctor's supposed to report it, the doctor can be brought up on felony charges, the mother is brought up on felony charges.

We are sliding way back in time.

On murder. Murder charges. With his history-

Who would have ever thought we would be talking about Roe vs. Wade?

Yeah with his history and the comments he's made about women before becoming President, he should be stepping up for women right now. Whether he is pro-choice, or I'm sorry pro-life, be pro-life that's fine, but don't completely take away our rights.

Make a stand and stick with it. Yeah.

How about Melania? Take a freaking stand for women's rights and stand up to this guy.

Exactly.

Right.

My thing, I just feel like it goes back to the sexist thing. Whether it was a female soldier or a male soldier, or whatever. He's only worried about the men. He's not worried about the women in the country.

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

That's true.

Okay. How about this. Do you remember him talking about draining the swamp? How is he doing on that? Draining the swamp. How is he doing on that? Draining the swamp.

How was he going to do that anyways?

What was he talking about? Do you know what he was talking about?

Just the corruption there.

[crosstalk 01:03:47][inaudible 01:03:47]

I don't know.

Hillary and all those, opposing people.

They're all corrupt! Tell me one- I mean, honestly. I don't think Trump was voted in, but guess how much money he has!

Exactly!

Let's be real. I'm not a Trump fan. I didn't vote for him because I like the man. I felt like my vote didn't matter--

The lesser of the two evils! [inaudible 01:04:07]

I choose Killary, or--

Killary! Right!

What was your thought? You said you voted for him.

But I truly felt my vote didn't matter. And I felt that ever since, I believe, 2004 when the Al Gore/Bush thing happened. I'm sorry, but ever since that day.

I agree.

That was the very first lesson.

I was in Florida.

I was legally allowed to vote-

Hanging chads! Bullshit!

Yeah.

...and I just absolutely just don't think our votes matter. Not one of us-

There are seven billion people in this world, and it comes down to these two people we had to pick from. All these people! We got Hillary and we got Trump? That's our choice? How does that even happen? I can't even get your head around that!

Money. And that's what-- money, control, oil- guess what? They're friends. They are at the end of the day going home and smoking a joint together, okay? They are not against each other. They are friends.[crosstalk 01:04:57] That's what people don't realize.

Yeah, but society wasn't going to really choose Hillary anyways because the world's not ready for a woman president.

Yeah.

No, I think it was just her.

She has way too many skeletons. There's- [crosstalk 01:05:15]

There's too many hands in her pocket.

There's skeletons in the closet. She doesn't have a closet. She has a wardrobe.

Yeah, whatever that means.

Let me ask you one more thing and then I want to move on. Another thing that President Trump said when he was running and he still says a lot now is putting America first. How do you think he's doing on that?

He's bringing back jobs!

Okay, bringing back jobs.

I feel like he's putting himself first.

He is putting himself first.

Okay.

Everything else is second. [crosstalk 01:05:42]

Heather, what do you think?

That yeah, he is-

He is pretty egotistical.

Yeah, his ego is-

That's a big thing.

The government was shut down for what? 6 weeks?

Yeah.

How is that putting America first?

Yeah, Exactly. [crosstalk 01:05:57]

I have a lot of TSA friends, and it's like-

And pointing fingers at other people and saying oh, it's not me it's them, and then you go home and have dinner.

Okay. Brielle?

I feel like everybody else said. He puts himself first. But I feel like a lot of the stuff that he does, he just wants attention. It's all publicity. I feel like he stirs up shit.

But he likes it.

Yeah. He likes the drama. He was a reality star, so he likes to stir shit up.

But there's a certain aspect that when this stuff comes up, if he just continues and bends over and lets the other ones walk over him, nothing be accomplished-

But you know what he's like? He's like a little kid that, it's better to have bad attention than no attention.

Mm-hmm (affirmative), yeah.

And would they rather have negative publicity and people slamming him than step out of the line for-

I mean you have to admit, whether you like him just say it or not, he is the most criticized and hated, most- I can't think of the word- directed towards him, than any other president that we've ever had, and we've had some really bad presidents, but he has had the most- maybe Kennedy-

I feel like it's comparable to Obama, because Obama did get a lot of hate-

I just think there's a reason for that then, and I think that there's a reason why so many people dislike him, there's got to be a reason, it's not all of our faults-

No.

We're not all wrong, you know.

No, no, I'm not saying that, it's just the whole thing is, nobody thought he would ever get elected-

And if we voted him into office-

And that's the problem is, no body thought that he was going to get elected, so they didn't have any backup plan, and then all of a sudden, when it happened, they cried into tears, and like "Okay, now we have to figure out- like okay, what are we going to do now", he didn't plan on winning.

Okay, so now what we're going to do we're going to do something a little different now, I'm going to show you some videos of Donald trump speaking

about issues that have been in the news lately, and we're going to look at some of his tweets too.

Oh yay!

So the screen up there is going to show the videos, each one of them is a minute and a half or so, one's a little bit shorter, but just, we'll talk about it after you see it.

Are we watching[inaudible 01:08:00]i was like "Wait".

"I'm just going to watch and-"

"We're having a little squabble with China because we've been treating Korea unfairly for many many decades, or actually, a long time, and it should've been handled a long time ago, and it wasn't, and we're handling it now, I think it's going to turn out extremely well, we're at a very strong position, we are the piggy bank that everybody likes to take advantage of, or take from, and we can't let that happen anymore, we've been losing, for many years, anywhere from 300 billion to 500 billion dollars a year with China and [inaudible 01:08:43] with China, we can't let that happen.

The relationship I have with president Chu is extraordinary, it's really very good, but he's for China and I'm for the U.S.A. and it's very simple, we are, again in a very very strong position. They want to make a deal, it could absolutely happen, but in the mean time, a lot of money is being made by the United States and a lot of strength is being shown. This has never happened to China before, our economy is fantastic, theirs is not so good. We've gone up trillions and trillions of dollars since the election, they've gone way down since my election."

I'm going to stop it right there. Thoughts, reactions? What stands out for you?

What he's saying is-

Is accurate-

It is accurate, we should've addressed this many many years ago, we should've, but the way he's doing is the part that I have a problem with.

Gabbie, what reaction do you have to that?

Not much of a reaction, I think listening to that, he sounds great, I'm like "Yeah, that sounds"- you know?

He's a hell of a salesman.

-but, I don't know.

Those are awfully big round numbers, and it's like "Really"?

Right now, it might take assertiveness and aggressiveness.

Is he really a tremendous of the guy in China?

And are those numbers accurate?

Are they accurate?

Heather, what were you going to say?

I said it might take assertiveness and aggressiveness to get it done.

Okay.

So, I mean he's the only that's actually gone in and been very aggressive and assertive with it and-

Which is true.

Which is true, we want to burn every bridge that we ever cross.

Okay, Aubrey, how about you, what-

Like I said, he sounds real good there, what he's putting forward, but let's see what happens.

Okay, all right, flip the page in your handout, I want to look at one of his tweets, get your reaction to this. Should be on handout 2, here. All right "great patriot farmers will be one of the biggest beneficiaries of what's happening now, hopefully China will do us the honor of continuing to buy our great farm products, the best. But, if not, your country will be making up the difference based on a very high China buy"

What?

That doesn't make any-[crosstalk 01:11:04]

What is he talking about?

It's a drunk text, yeah.

He's talking about the soy-bean that china usually buys, and- because typically, I think it was like 82%, again I'm a cab driver, I sit in my cab all day long, picking

stupid shit up, I think it was 82% of the soy-bean, china purchases from the united states.

Wow.

So it's a large portion of it, and if they don't buy it from us, we're not going to use that much soy-bean, because we don't eat that much soy here.

Okay.

What does that even mean though "Make up the difference based on a very high China buy"?

That last part- I'm like-

[crosstalk 01:11:47]

"The country will be making up the difference based on a very high China buy"

What does that mean?

Buy what?

Buy what?

The soy bean.

Yeah but. So if they don't continue to buy from us the difference is going to be based on them buying it from us anyways.

Because they don't have any other source. It's a drunk tweet.

It really is a drunk tweet.

So basically there, he's saying that the country is going to be paying for what they are not buying, that the United states-

But if they don't buy it from us, they're going to have to buy somewhere else with very high dollar.

The only upside to this tweet is he really didn't misspell any words, or make any words up.

Yeah.

All right, let's look at another video okay?

“Over the last two years, my administration has moved with urgency, and historic speed to confront problems neglected by leaders of both parties over many decades, in just over two years, since the election, we have launched an unprecedented economic womb, a womb that has [inaudible 01:12:56]been seen before, there's been nothing like it, we have created 5.3 million new jobs, and importantly added 600 thousand new manufacturing jobs, something which almost everyone said was impossible to do, but the fact is, we are just getting started.

Wages are rising at the fastest pace in decades, and growing for blue collar workers, who I promised to fast for, they're growing faster than anyone else thought possible.”

All right let's stop it right there, reactions, thoughts, what's you thoughts Diane?

For me it's not just when Donald trump talks, it's when any politician talks, it's like- how I do know you're not talking bullshit? So, and you can go on any fact check site, and I'll say that this is bullshit.

It's cold huh.

[inaudible 01:14:07]because I'll say the exact same thing, so it's kind-of like we're always seen with it.

It's a pit.

Yeah.

Okay.

I feel like instead of being informative, he's trying to sell himself.

Okay.

Although, his stated unions are kind-of nice to watch.

Yeah.

And I do learn a lot.

He's a good salesman, I mean, and he explains a lot.

When it comes to manufacture jobs, like for Michigan, opening up a new car manufacturing plant, in Flint and I mean that town had been destroyed and there's two new factories being built there now, so when he says he's helping

the blue collar workers, he's bringing the manufacturers back there, to where they have a job, so they get off welfare and they can support themselves-

There's little to no news-coverage of that.

Yeah, they don't-

Nobody is really telling the good us that's happening, it's all focused on what they're fighting about and it's usually the stupid wall, you know-

Oh come on.

And it's-

Russia, Russia, Russia, it's all about Russia. It's collusion.

But it's like if we had more of this information about the good things-

More good stuff was going on.

-that are happening, maybe people would like him a little bit more.

I would like to hear somebody else tell us something good that he's doing instead of him saying "I did this, and I did that, and I'm the best in history and I did the best thing".

So why isn't anybody else-

Because I guess they [crosstalk 01:15:28] don't need too, because he's doing it himself.

Okay.

I'll be quick but I think a lot of people- this is, it's not even elective- you know, there's plenty of racist people out there, all of a sudden, they feel like it's okay to be loud about it because he- why are we blaming Trump for ignorant people all over-

I agree.

There's racist people, there's dumb people, there's people that all of a sudden are speaking up about it, but you know what that's not Trump's fault.

Somebody's given them a microphone, maybe you should just take it away.

Yeah, and I get that, just- why are these people thinking it's okay to- they we're these ignorant people before he was elected and all of a sudden-

But somebody says[crosstalk 01:16:03]

A lot of people were saying "oh, well trump said it's okay, so" and that's not right-

I don't feel like he should get all of that blame I guess.

You're right.

But like somebody said earlier, I don't know who it was, I don't believe he is racist, I believe that he is trying to do like- with immigration, I don't think that it's- not because he doesn't like Mexicans, I think it's because he doesn't want them coming over and stealing our jobs and doing what they're doing illegally, but I can't say because I really don't know, but I have different opinions on it, because if I feel that if you were here in the states already and you have children, then you shouldn't be-

Don't separate families, but if you're cartel that's a different story.

But if you're coming today and you're crawling underneath the ground or swimming across the river or if the wall ever goes up, trying to hop over it, you know, then yes I believe you should be thrown right back.

Now, see I have a different view, my husband was in construction for many many years, he was[inaudible 01:17:09] and the last shop he worked at, they would come out and hand out job tickets for everybody that had jobs, and I'd say probably a good ninety-five percent of the people there were here Hispanic. Not a problem with Hispanics, I love everybody equally, but when you're changing your name every other week because they found out your social security number is not correct, because you're using a false social security number, and my husband he had a good job, because you have seven people that are going to go do one job because seven of them are living in a 500\$ apartment, they're paying 500\$ here and sending all the money back to Mexico, that's where i have a problem.

Alright lets flip the page to handout 3 and look at another speech.

"Republicans have created the best economy in the history of our country, and the hottest jobs market on planet earth, the democrat agenda is a socialist nightmare, the republican agenda is the American dream, vote G.O.P."

Oh wow.

I feel like whenever he starts hating on democrats, because he does this often, it really does make him sound ignorant. If the whole point, like you said when you were trying to become president, is to bring everyone together, why are we continuing the hate on democrats.

So much divide to this country, I think more than any other president. I agree.

Once you became president, you were no longer a republican.

Absolutely.

But, what a lot of people[crosstalk 01:18:30]

I agree.

Something that a lot of people don't remember, when he decided to run for president, he became a republican, he was a registered democrat, his children could not even vote in the new york primary, because they were registered democrats, they could not vote for him. The reason why he became a republican, is because he knew that-

That they would vote for him.

No, no no, the reason that he went republican versus the democrat is because he knew the party would not choose him over Hillary.

Oh, of course not.

Yeah.

Right, no.

Let me ask you about this tweet specifically "The hottest jobs market on planet earth" is that true, is that- do you think that's accurate here?

He makes such crazy statements, global statements of "This is the best it's ever been in US history", really? Is it?

I'm kind of a literalist.

I am too.

It's like, and it's just an automatic turn-off.

Shut down, yup. Then he yeah.

Socialist nightmare, come on.

Everything he does is the best.

I think the issue, I think now we're all like "He's an idiot, this might not be true" but I think in the past, he'd say things, and I don't really follow politics all that

well, so I'd believe it, so I think a lot of people are ignorant to what actually is true. I also think this is just embarrassing, because I would say I'd side with republicans more than democrat, but I would never be so disrespectful and it blows my mind that the person leading our country is so disrespectful because even- a lot of republicans have some democratic views, and so I feel like this would hurt republicans.

To call all democrats socialists, it's like "That's fair".

He totally divides this country, like no one has ever done in history. On the planet earth.

Let's watch another video. This next one is pretty short, okay, so just watch.

"Their possibly changing it , but we've had a hundred and one or a hundred and two, all time high stock markets, record stock markets, we have just about the best unemployment in history, including the absolute best for African-American-asian, as you know, and Hispanics, so we have all of these records that we've been setting, our military[inaudible 01:20:50] our second amendment is good, everything is good, so we make America great again? And we're going to go with the cheers here, one way or the other, or do we make it "Keep America great", because you have some-"

Is America great?

Anybody watch newsroom?

Everybody I mean, is America great?

Gabbie you said everything is good.

I like that stuck there, because he just said a few good things which were- I think those stats are true I'm pretty sure, but then he says everything is good and it's just like, you can't- a few good things and then just generalize it to say everything is good you know.

Right, Diane what was your first reaction to that?

Just, like I said, he's just selling himself, I don't really get much information from this, personally I don't know if I can just trust what he's saying, but I feel like everything is biased, so it's kind-of like "What do I do?"

Okay. Brielle what do you think?

I think he's an idiot.

He's an idiot, is that what you said?

I just, I don't get the "Oh, keep America great", it's not, it's not, I mean he thinks he's just fixed all the problems that previous presidents had made, but in a sense, he's fixing problems and then making a thousand more.

Okay, okay. Another tweet, let's look at handout 4, "Thanks to republican leadership, America is winning again, America is being respected again all over the world, because they are finally putting America first"

Finally.

False.

Aubrey, what's your thought about that?

Well, again, him being the salesman, I don't-

Is he putting America first?

His America.

Yeah, that's true I think he really wants to of course, everybody wants to see America do good, but the way he's going about it is not-

Every statement divides somebody, so-

It's an attack.

It is, every statement he makes, he's undermining somebody.

Heather do you think that America is more respected?

No.

I think they're laughing at us[crosstalk 01:23:17]

Let me get through Heather and then go ahead.

I don't even see like, before it goes to the middle-class, [inaudible 01:23:28]class I see maybe the higher class, the ones that are following him, think this, but nobody's getting down to the nitty-gritty to where the lower-class need help, the middle-class need help, to climb this ladder, which they're just pushing us further down, and bringing everybody that's up up already.

Okay, Chloe what were you going to say?

You would be surprised, I mean, I get a lot of international people in my cab, you'd be surprised on how many people from Europe and Canada, you don't

want to hear people from Canada, Canada loves Trump, people from Canada they love Trump, because they're like "Finally, you guys have"- and over the UK, "You finally have a politician, he doesn't care who he pisses off, and he gets the job done". They say that they wish that the parliament or you know, the people of their governments would do stuff like that, whether it's pissing one person off or pissing a lot of people off.

So do you feel like America's more respected now under Trump?

In my point of view, from what I hear from people from other countries, yeah I think so, they respect him more because he's not a politician.

Do you remember years ago when the Dixie chicks made that statement about Bush and said "I'm embarrassed to say that he's my president" and how outraged everybody was and the backlash people were burning their albums and "How dare you say that about our president". Now it's the norm.

Yeah, now it's the norm.

And nobody flinches, when they say "Trump's an idiot", because they're like "yeah he is", I mean it's not outrageous any longer, and that I think is very sad, there's no respect for the office, and it makes me sad.

And I think that that is a little bit because of these.

Yeah, this is comical to me, when I read this, it's comical.

It is comical.

"Thanks to republican leadership, that's what were[crosstalk 01:25:20]"

What did you say?

I don't even like to look at them, in my opinion, the president of the united states should not be tweeting.

I agree.

Should not be tweeting period

Should not be tweeting at three 'o' clock in the morning, go to bed.[crosstalk 01:25:39]

Best thing his staff could do is turn the twitter account off, that way he can't- just delete it.

One more video okay. One more.

“And as we defend our jobs, we're also defending our borders, and it's tough as I said, no betrayal of American workers has been worse than the democrat party's pursuit of open borders, they want everybody to come in and they're coming up by the thousands and I'll tell you why. Our border patrol, our law enforcement, ICU they all work these, they're apprehending thirty forty, fifty thousand people at times, I mean just in short periods of times, the laws are so bad, that you don't release them, they are rescued. They arrest people that are working in law enforcement, it's a disgrace, democrat back policies have left our borders overrun, our detention facilities overwhelmed as fast as we build them, they fill up, and our hospitals, schools and public resources, overburdened, our country is full. We don't want people coming up here, our country is full, we want-”

Okay, so reaction to this- Wait, let me just get someone else first. Gabbie your first reaction?

He's an idiot.

Look at the background of every single one of these commercials. Do you see a minority amongst them. They're all white.

Did you see a woman?

There's a couple women but they're all white, which I have no problem with, white people, however it's just so funny if you look at every single commercial that he's done the background canvas is all white men and few white women.

It depends on where the rally is.

-all the pitch that we've just seen are from the same rally, that's why-

The last video he said something about "I don't have a problem with the African-Americans, and the Hispanics" and this and that, and now he's saying "Our country is full".

Just go back where you came from, I don't have a problem with you people.

I think that he's saying[crosstalk 01:27:59]

Let me hear from Gabbie please.

I think what he's saying is about- we've talked about this earlier today and how this is an issue- but the way he said it, like why do you have to say "Our country is full", it makes him sound ignorant, it makes him sound like he literally doesn't have an education.

Even when he says things that are true, you're just so, he's so abrasive the way he says it, that you're like "Fuck, who says that, stop saying that".

Makes you not want to agree with him.

And even if you agree with him, you don't want to agree with him.

What did you say Heather.

I can't wait until he gets re-elected.

What makes you say that, why do you think so?

Why? Because even though- I feel that the people hate him so much, they like him, I know it's weird saying that, but I just feel that he has more people on his side than he doesn't.

I agree with her that in retrospect also, that the democrats have this back[inaudible 01:28:59]of collusion and molar that they just keep focusing on that instead of focusing on, they said "We will accept the results of that investigation, then we will move on", okay well moving on does not mean "Well okay, now let's start this one, this one, this one and this one", moving on means "Let's go and get the white house, let's start getting some stuff done", but by them continuing with the investigations, I think she's right, I think even though people might hate him, their looking at the democrats like-

The democrats are shooting themselves in the foot on a daily basis.

It's like instead of moving on and doing your jobs, you're just trying to do another investigation and you know, it's a big circle back, you know, you started an investigation here and it's coming around, guess what that investigation's going to do, it's going to come bite you in the butt when they find out that you were doing what you said that they were doing.

My wish is that there's going to be 50 democrats running against him, I'm thinking out of the mix of them, there's got to be one that possibly has a shot. There's twenty-four of them running now so far.

I have a question though, does anybody here truly not believe that this man is rich enough to buy your votes? I'm sorry, but maybe not us at this table, but there is so many influenced, so many people, and like I said we've seen it happen before, so whether he technically is voted in or not.

But in the same retrospect, you've got to give him props, he's the only president, he doesn't take a salary.

Oh that's cool but it's also irrelevant.

What's he doing.

That's irrelevant.

They're going to try to recall him-

I know they are, just because you don't take a salary is because you have more money than you can burn.

Let me get through Brielle and then we'll move on, you were going to say something.

I feel like the money factor has to do with the law, a lot. The investigations, the firing people. Keeping people's mouth shut, not just votes, he's paying people off for everything. "Oh come on all politicians do it"

has any other sitting president fired this many people in his first two years.

Absolutely not, he fires you just because he doesn't like your shirt, it's like "Wait a minute he fired who?"

All right, let's look at another tweet, handout 5 now. "We have a state of emergency at our southern border, border patrol, our military and local law enforcement are doing a great job, but without the wall which is now under major construction, you cannot have border security. Drugs, gangs and human trafficking must be stopped"

All of that is great except this part right here, which is "Now under major construction".

It is.

Is it?

Yeah.

Okay.

Is it?

Yeah.

No I don't think it is.

I haven't seen anything either-

Well you have that group, they built seven miles outside of El paso.

Like what, a test wall or something?

No it actually goes up to a mountain side, it's actually- you can- a disabled veteran started a go-fund-me- people build the wall, yeah they've got like seven mile already that-

Doesn't he say in the speeches that it's almost done and it's almost-

[inaudible 01:32:13]

I'd like to see the works that's been done.

I'd like to see what's been done too, I don't think it's almost done.

-any details about this-

-major construction?

Well it's because he appropriates the money here and- democrats say "No you can't put the money there", but no if you go- I can't think of the guy's name- but yeah, they've actually done a big section outside of El paso, where it showed where, just on the news, I think they said thirteen hundred, well call them immigrants, were coming across in a two day period, that's where they focused it on.

I just don't think it's going to make a difference while [inaudible 01:32:48]

Exactly, that's what I was about to say.

And if you want to get over, looking for years, all these people, dedication, determination, dying on these paths to find a way, they're going to find a way.

-back nine times and they find their way back-

Heather?

I don't think building the wall is going to stop drug-

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Heather?

I don't think building the wall is going to stop drugs, gangs, and human trafficking.

Absolutely not.

I don't think they're coming over from Mexico to go and break in-

So should we build the wall, then?

Yes.

Go for it, [inaudible 01:33:14] help. [crosstalk 01:33:15]. Wouldn't it be a lot cheaper than building a wall? Do you know that if they had those things out in the fields for cows and sheeps? The electric fences?

Okay, we can't kill people.

You know what? How about put up big signs, "Electric fences, don't approach." And put it up in five languages right there. "Enter at your own risk."

They're going to dig underneath it, just like they're going to dig underneath the wall.

[crosstalk 01:33:40] You did say that everything that is said in here is confidential, correct?

Yes.

My husband has said to me various times, "If I ever did something wrong and I was sent back to Mexico," and I was like, "Why would you even say that?" And he goes, "Because. I'll be back in a week." That's... it's not going to deter anything. Build the wall. Spend the money. Do whatever you want. There is going to... they are going to find a way. They are going to find a way.

But can't that billions of dollars be used to employ people for, you know, border patrols. I mean, there's just- I think that that money could be put into

So use the money in a different way, you're saying?

Yes.

Something, but a physical wall is really probably not [crosstalk 01:34:24].

Electric wall, take them down. I'm telling ya'. Couple people get zapped, they're gonna back up. I'm telling ya'.

All right, let me just ask- is it a state of emergency? He uses the language "state of emergency".

There are so many more emergencies in this world that-

Well, there's different forms of emergency.

Let me hear Gabbie.

I think that a lot of these things are issues that also start within our own country, and I think it's ignorant for him to say "drugs, gangs, and human trafficking must be stopped blah, blah, blah", okay you need to start within your own country then cause human trafficking is huge here, and that doesn't mean it's just coming from Mexico. It's everywhere, and yeah I do agree, I mean I don't know about a wall but I do agree that we need to stop immigration somehow. But I don't think that that's gonna cause all of our problems to go away. We have problems here.

All right, so I want to throw out a few more names and just get...kind of like what we were doing before but maybe a little faster just...whatever comes to mind whenever you hear what I'm gonna say. So the first one's a little bit longer, the rest of them are just names. The first one is, The House of Representatives, with over a hundred newly elected women, which is now controlled by Democrats.

Nothing's getting done.

I'm excited for what's to come.

Okay, excited.

Yeah, excited is a really good word.

Yeah, I'm hopeful as well.

Hopeful, okay what makes you hopeful?

Well, I just feel like for the longest time we didn't have enough women, and as a woman I feel like we strive for things more than men do.

Okay.

We're more persistent on things, and things like that.

I'm excited but they also need to realize that they just can't go way off the beaten path.

It can't be women against men, either.

Yes, exactly. We can't get there and say "I'm here now, guess what? We're gonna go way out this way, and we're gonna have to turn this way". You've gotta still keep it mainstream otherwise it's not like anything's gonna get accomplished.

Okay, Diane?

I don't know, I feel like I don't agree with that. I feel like radical change needs to happen, I feel like it does. I feel like we've been stuck in our ways for way too long that the only time it's gonna change and we're gonna get real results is if radical things happen.

Okay, Gabbie what do you think? House of Representatives, with over a hundred newly elected women, now controlled by Democrats.

I'm interested to see what happens.

Okay, I have a question. Why is Roe vs. Wade on the table?

Why is it?

Because the woman governor, she was the governor that signed it in.

Everybody keeps saying "oh, men making these decisions" [crosstalk 01:37:05] It's the democrats that are pushing this.

She could have stopped that on her desk, and she was proud to sign it. I'm like "wow".

You say we have a hundred plus women, new elected, and they're just sitting there smiling and the Democrats are going, "no, everything's good. Everything we've fought for we're just gonna let everything happen all over again".

Yeah, I don't think there's gonna be much changes because the women that are elected and that are there are having the same mindset as the men that are there.

I mean, I don't think that they should make abortion legal across the board, I really have a problem with it. That doesn't mean I'm pro-life or pro-choice, I like to think of myself somewhere in the middle. Thank God I never had to make that decision, but who am I to tell you not to?

Okay. Aubrey, tell me what you think then we'll move on.

I don't agree with abortion, but I shouldn't be able to tell you.

Let me just hear Aubrey impression of this- House of Representatives with over a hundred newly elected women, now controlled by Democrats.

Um, I agree with the others pretty much. There's a lot... are you talking still about the state of emergency?

No, just when you think of The House of Representatives, with a hundred newly elected women, now controlled by Democrats, what do you think of?

Democrats are really, kind of, making fools of themselves, I think.

How? Tell me.

Just, again, they keep going back and rehashing old stuff and not really addressing what's going on.

They feel like they do so much good and they're just floundering in this garbage.

What do you mean when you say, "going back and rehashing old stuff", what are you referring to?

They still... the collusion, Russia, just drumming up old things.

Okay.

It's time to leave it alone and move forward.

Okay.

Yeah, Republicans are all worried about the wall, Democrats are worried about old shit, and neither one of them can come to a happy medium.

But I agree that once Trump was elected, it shouldn't be whether he's Republican or Democrat. He should be... he's for the country, and he's not.

Somebody said, and I don't know how true this is, there's a couple of states that went completely way conservative with the abortion. It's like we were talking earlier, murder against the mother? I heard something about New York... a woman can give birth full term-

And they can still kill the baby!

That doesn't make any sense to me. I don't understand how that happened either.

I think that's under, I don't know the correct one but I think it's very strenuous circumstances. If the mother's gonna die, if [crosstalk 01:39:45].

No! In New York a baby can be born, sitting next to the mom, looking at the mom and the mom decides, I don't want it. [crosstalk 01:39:53]

They don't have to render any aide.

I need to move on, this is not what we're talking about right now.

Look it up, ladies. After this.

**We're moving on. The next person that I want... I'm gonna throw out a name.
Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi.**

Idiot.

Disappointment.

Okay, what else?

She's a very strong woman and I'm surprised to hear how old she is. Good for her. I was scared about Joe Biden being 76, and she's what? Freaking 82 or something.

Why did Biden call her a disappointment, Julie?

She's been in there a long time, she could really do a lot of good, and still she is just treading water.

Term limits.

She doesn't want to make too many waves.

Well, she's too interested in fighting with Trump and who's gonna be more right?

Who's right, yeah.

But she's also in it for profit too, she's no different than Trump in that sense.

She's egotistical, just as well as Trump.

Heather, any thoughts on Nancy Pelosi? Gabbie?

Nothing different.

I mean, you look at Pelosi and you look at her district, San Francisco. It's a mess, it's like, "hello, you're telling us how to run our little neighborhoods, you can't even take care of yours?" Honey, term limits you need to retire.

Brielle, any thoughts on Pelosi?

Just basically, everything I agree with what they're saying. She just wants to be right, she just wants... and she's not doing anything really.

All right, let me throw out another name. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Puppet.

Ew. They got him nailed right on Saturday Night Live. I loved watching that.

Trumps puppet.

Okay, all right, Aubrey, any thoughts about Mitch McConnell?

Yeah, Trump's puppet, yeah.

Okay. Elaine?

I don't know too much about him, to be honest.

Term limit. [crosstalk 01:41:55] I mean, when they enacted...what was it the 22nd Amendment that The President could not be in for more than two terms, hello? You've had Pelosi, Schumer-

She's been in there for like thirty years.

Thirty-four years, it's like hello, you can't see The President has too much power [crosstalk 01:42:12].

Okay, let me keep going. Next one. Next name, Joe Biden.

I like the guy.

I kind of like him. He's like a grandpa.

He's not creepy Joe, and I just think that's the generation he grew up in and I swear to you, I don't think he means anything by it. When she said, "he was smelling my hair and I felt uncomfortable", I'm like, then move away.

You might be a little full of yourself.

Exactly. Smelling your hair? He was whispering something.

Diane, what's your thoughts on this?

I'm really on and off with him. Like, when I first found out that he was running I was like, oh my God, Joe. And then the more you hear him talk it's just kind of like, hmm I don't know.

He should have ran before, but when his son died, he lost it.

Elaine, what's your thoughts on that?

You know, I don't dislike him. I used to think that he was Obama's little bitch, I won't lie. At one point I did feel that way, but I do feel that he's come into his own, he's presented himself with class with the exception of the hair thing, which who knows. But I don't [crosstalk 01:43:19], but I am very curious to see what Democrats and he is one of the ones I'm interested in.

Okay. Brielle? Any thought's on Joe Biden?

None? Okay.

My only concern is he's showing himself to be the true politician he is, he has gone from here and he is flopping clear over to the other side, saying, "oh no, no, no, no, no, no". You know, he might have been Obama's bitch, he's been in Congress forever, and he's sitting there saying, "this is what needs to be fixed", well you had all this time to do it before, why haven't you done something before?

Okay, Gabbie?

I don't like him.

Okay. Heather, how about you?

Anything? [crosstalk 01:44:02]

All right, here are some more names. Bernie Sanders.

He's really old.

Absolutely love him if he was...[crosstalk 01:44:14]

If he would have ran instead of Hillary, I probably would have voted for him.

[crosstalk 01:44:18] wait, one at a time you guys are all saying stuff and I'm missing it. Brielle, what?

I like him.

Well I like him, too.

I like all of his views on things, I feel like he tries to connect with the younger generation, and-

Will still let me keep my gun, just let me keep my gun.

I also think he's kind of a hypocrite though.

Aren't they all?

Well, no. Talking about The Green Deal and everything else, flying across in his private planes and stuff like that. He's kind of... and some things he lectures about, "we need to do this for climate change, this", but then you're a hypocrite you have four houses, you fly around in jet planes.

Okay, couple more. Gabbie, Bernie Sanders, any thoughts? Aubrey?

Same thing I heard said earlier. If it came down to Bernie running against Trump I really think Bernie would have taken it. They saw, when he came out of The White House that day with Obama, that look on his face it was over.

Heather, what's your thought about Bernie Sanders?

I don't know. I don't really have a thought on him, the whole thing... I really feel Trump is gonna take the [inaudible 01:45:25].

I have a couple more names, excuse me, excuse me. Elizabeth Warren.

She's crazy.

Diane?

She's not my favorite, she's just kind of there to me. She doesn't really impress me at all, there's nothing special about her. Yeah, I don't know.

[crosstalk 01:45:45] Here's another name, Pete Buttigieg.

Who is that?

He is the mayor of...Notre Dame...

Jersey? Is he the gay guy?

Yes, he is.

What do you think about him?

Well, wait there was one gay politician that was killed-

No no no, he's the Mayor of...

He was on Jimmy Fallon.

Is he that old guy?

No he's the young guy.

And he's married.

Any thoughts? Don't know who it is? Aubrey? Heather? So about half of you don't even know who he is-

I know that name but I don't know...

Don't know too much. Diane, do you have any?

Yeah, I've heard of him. I know that he's running, but that's all I know.

He's another, he's right there with the Bernie class.

Oh, yeah?

Okay, so then I guess I like him then.

Okay, so who...is anyone paying attention to all those Democrats, anybody standing out for you?

Its gonna be a while before it whiddles itself down [crosstalk 01:46:56].

[inaudible 01:46:56] was in there for a while.

I know that-

Is there anybody you like? Is there anybody that's kind of like "oh, he or she" -

I forget his name, its a young...

Beto?

He is African American. Yes, Corey Booker.

Spartacus.

Yeah, he looked really interesting. I only listened to him one time but I wanted to listen to him again and that to me is a big deal.

Way, way down. Beto looked good for a while but then I got nervous with him.

Aubrey, anybody standing out for you? Heather?

What I thought was kind of interesting with them is they're starting to attack Biden because he's not getting out and going to these different rallies and all...they're starting to go after him.

Okay. We need to flip the page and move on, just got a couple more things to do and we'll get through those. I'm gonna hand out six, there's a few short paragraphs here- these are some reasons why some people are concerned about Donald Trump. Regardless of how you feel about him I want you to star two that you find most concerning. Two of these you find most concerning, put the two stars there.

I am stressed out, I need a cigarette.

Do you want a piece of candy? I'm such a grandma, I know.

I have, actually a whole pack of gum right here.

I'm like, "I have candy!"

Has everybody picked two? Okay. So what I would like you to do is... I'm gonna go down them just by the letter and have you raise your hand so I can put a little count. Anybody think 'A'? One, two, three on 'A', okay. Anybody think 'B'? One, two on 'B'. 'C'? One, two on 'C'. 'D'? One, two, three, four, five on 'D'. 'E'? One on 'E'. 'F'? One, two, three, four, five on 'F'. Okay, so 'D' and 'F' are the two big ones.

All right, so let me start with 'F'. He promised better and cheaper healthcare for everyone but insurance rates have increased for everyone, including a 50% increase [inaudible 01:49:57] make all the workers pay 5 times more than the other. Why did that one pop out for this group?

Cause I'm old.

Anyone else?

My grandmother, I believe that they need to have the same healthcare as younger.

I have a hard time when they have to choose between they're prescriptions and eating a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

The fact that anybody should have to pay that much for healthcare, and only have a catastrophic policy, that really concerned me.

Okay. How about 'D'? He promised zero cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, but supported healthcare plans to drastically cut Medicaid.

I'm concerned about my Social Security, that's why I chose that one.

Sweetheart, we're too young, we're never gonna see it.

Exactly, and that's just what-

And it's nothing that he's done, this has been coming for years.

Oh, I know. It's not for him to blame but it's a concern.

Okay, all right. Flip the page for me and I want you to read here about one of the Democratic candidates, okay? I want you to read it and underline anything that stands out to you as you read, okay so word, phrase, whatever stands out.

This is for 2020 election?

Yes, this is one of the Democratic candidates running for President.

Anything that stands out to you.

Just stands out? Not necessarily good or bad?

Yeah, just anything that stands out.

Most of you are done, just give me your reaction. Diane, let me start with you, what stood out for you?

When it said, "if we give Donald Trump eight years in The White House he will forever and fundamentally alter the character of this nation".

How do you feel about that?

It's like a scary thought, I feel like there's truth behind that and I think it's one of his character...maybe he'll do way more damage the next four years than he has already done, and that's a scary thought.

Okay. Gabbie, what stood out for you?

"I'm sophisticated about why, how, and who built this country. This country was not built by Wall Street bankers, CEO's and hedge fund managers".

What does that say to you?

That he can relate to the majority of people.

Okay, okay.

Or she, I caught it right after I said it and I was like, "wow".

Brielle, what stood out for you, you were shaking your head there, what stood out?

Cause I basically underlined almost everything. It was built by you, it was built by the great American middle class. The middle class is hurting in America today and powerful forces are trying to tear America apart instead of lifting it up. Our political system is broken and Donald Trump is the only President who has not decided to represent the whole country.

That may not be true.

In my opinion, I don't feel that he represents the whole country.

I don't either but I don't think he's the only one. [crosstalk 01:54:02]

I agree, I don't think he's the only one but he definitely doesn't represent the whole country.

Aubrey? What stood out for you here, anything?

I underlined "the middle class is hurting in America today", and definitely "our political system is broken". I wouldn't necessarily [crosstalk 01:54:22]

Sure... we're just about five minutes away, we'll be finished soon.

[inaudible 01:54:27] anything stood out for you?

"the middle class is hurting", "American made", and "powerful forces are trying to tear America apart" [inaudible 01:54:42] and then, "we need a President who works for all Americans".

Okay.

I think the key thing to the whole speech is, we always do better when we act as one America. The only problem is that Democrats and Republicans do not know how to act as one.

Okay, flip the page for me. I have one more for you to read. Same thing, underline anything that stands out.

Diana, let me start with you on this one, what stood out for you here?

Um, I have two sentences but they relate to each other. One of the first sentences is, "fight to build an America that will work for everyone not just the wealthy and well connected", and then the other one is "we can create an ultra-

millionaire tax on America's 75,000 richest families to produce trillions. That could be used to build an economy that works for everyone including universal childcare, student loan debt relief, down payments on a new Green Deal, and Medicare for all".

I mean, that sounds great. Everybody always wants to say that so yeah, obviously that sounds kind of far fetched but ideal because it's... when it comes down to it, what everybody wants. Not the 1%, but what everybody else wants.

Okay. Julie, what did you say?

This can't happen.

Can't happen?

How could you possibly do this?

Okay.

I agree, I want it to be, but I agree.

It's a great idea but...

But it's almost impossible.

So it just sounds unrealistic?

No, the whole thing it sounds great.

It sounds wonderful, but how do you put this in effect?

Exactly.

Okay. So what I want you to do is, of these two that we just read, pick one... and neither one may be exactly what you want but which one comes closest to your view?

What we think is possible or what we want?

Who do you like better?

Who would you vote for?

Yes. [crosstalk 01:57:29] just put a star next to either seven or eight. Handout seven or handout eight. Candidate one or candidate two, just put a star and tell me which one comes closest to your view.

Okay, can I again have a show of hands. Has everybody picked one or the other? How many picked candidate one on handout seven? One, two, three, four, five. Okay how many picked candidate two on handout eight? Four, oh so pretty divided that's really interesting.

Cause I think we don't understand... ideally I would want handout eight, but I don't think its possible either, so I think seven is more realistic.

Aubrey, why did you pick eight?

I picked eight because that's what I would like to see happen, but in reality I think seven-

Unless you're watching Designated Survivor that's not happening.

Okay, Diane?

Seven didn't really tell me what their plans were, it was just all about Trump's bad.

Okay.

I don't like Trump, at least eight had an idea, and had a direction. It might not be a realistic plan but he told me something that wasn't just 'Trump is mean'.

Okay, okay. Brielle, which one... you picked-

Seven.

Seven. How come? Why seven over eight?

Just because I liked a lot more of what was said in this.

Okay, anything in particular that kind of brought you to that one?

Well, just being that I am, and I grew up in somewhat lower class and middle class, you know, I felt like I could relate.

Okay. Good, that makes sense. All right, so a couple more things, real quick, and we're not gonna talk about these but I still want you to be thoughtful. On handout nine, this is a note to President Trump.

Is he gonna actually get it?

Again, you do not have to write full sentences, this could be...I want to type it up, if you want to send it you can but just on the lines here, what would you say to President Trump if you had a chance? Okay, and then when you finish

that also do handout ten and again, we're not gonna talk about that but I want you to just look at handout ten and pick one of the two boxes there.

Do you stop on nine?

Oh, go to ten also.

And just read... you'll see the instructions and then you're gonna pick one of those two boxes.

Once you've done that, if you could pass in your papers. If you're still writing its totally fine, keep going.

[crosstalk 02:01:10] but you're not asleep, that's the intent.

Yeah, they told me on the phone it'd be cold.

She did tell me that I felt like this was good enough?

I didn't know you would see your breath.

Courtney told me it was gonna be cold and I'm like, "yes!" I said, "my hot flashes aren't gonna be bad!"

Thank you so much. All right, so make sure you stop and get a token of my appreciation on the way out, and also if there's anybody waiting out there if you would mind waiting until you get outside if you want to keep discussing anything, I would like them to come in fresh and not know what our topic is.

What's the token of appreciation?

Pizza. Thank you very much.

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